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Moscow, Decemb. 21.

THe preparations that are making here for the carrying on the War against the Turks, are indeed very great, for the Ottomans continuing to Declare, that they will not make a Peace, unless one of the Conditions of it, be the Cession of the whole *Ukrain*, and threatning to bring such Armies against us this Summer, as that we shall wish we had purchased a Peace at any rate; Our Czar and his Ministers, having laid aside all thoughts of Peace, do wholly apply themselves to the War, and to let the Ottomans see how vain their Menaces are, they intend to have such Armies in the Field, as may not only make head against those of the Grand Signior, but act likewise Offensively; and for the better pursuing this Design, we are informed that an Allyance of mutual Defence and Assistance, is now Treating between our Czar and the King of *Persia*; and that all possible endeavours will be used to engage the Poles to take part with us in this War. The 14th Instant we saw here for the first time, a Comet, which we suppose to be the same, that has been seen in most parts of Christendom.

Warsaw, Jan. 28. The Proceedings of our Dyet are somewhat slow; two or three days have been already spent in hearing the Opinions of the Senators, who have not yet all done; some of them have with great warmth pressed a War against the Turks, which others have as zealously opposed; the Marriage of Prince *Louis* with the Princess *Radzeville*, has been taken notice of by most of them, as a thing that ought to have had the consent of this Republick, not only as Guardians to that Princess, but likewise because of the consequence her Marriage with a forreign Prince may have, considering the great Estate she possesses in *Lythuania*.

Madrid, Feb. 6. Our Letters from *Cadiz* give us an Account that the Galeons sailed from thence the 28th past. The Duke *de Veraguas* is Commanded to leave the Court, on the same Account as was the Count *de Monterey*, of whose Disgrace we told you some time since. The Queen having endeavoured to make a Reconciliation between the Constable of *Colonna* and his Wife, who have for some years lived asunder; the Result of it has been, That they have agreed to sue a Divorce, and that being obtained, the Constable will make himself Knight of *Malta*, and his Lady will become a Nun. The King has given the Government of *Oran* to the Count of *Moncloa*.

Vienna, Feb. 2. On Thursday last parted from hence Count *Ernest* of *Starenberg* Governor of this Place, and the Baron *Herwarth* the Emperors Commissioners for *Presburg* in *Hungary*, where they are to meet, and confer with several of the *Hungarian* Nobility and others, for the adjusting some preliminary Matters, which it is necessary should be determined before the Assembling of the Dyet, which the Emperor has appointed to meet for the setling the Affairs of that Kingdom. We have an Account from *Hungary* of the death of the Prince of *Transylvania*.

Linz, Feb. 17. From *Presbourg* we have Advice, that the Emperors Commissioners, the Count of *Starenberg* and the Baron *Herwarth*, had begun the Conferences with the Archbishop of *Gran*, the Bishop of *Raab*, the Chancellor of *Hungary*, the Count of *Forgatz*, the Count *Esterhasi*, and some others of the Nobility of that Kingdom; at which the Deputies of the Malecontents were present, who insist on several Points, which the Imperial Commissioners endeavour to moderate, and to remove all other difficulties which may delay or hinder the meeting of the Dyet. There has been a discourse that the Emperor would take a Journey to *Ratisbonne*, to meet there some of the Electors, and other Princes of the Empire before he returns to *Vienna*, but it appears not to have any foundation.

Ratisbonne, Feb. 18. The Dyet has not as yet taken any Resolution upon what has been proposed by the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Imperial Commissioner, concerning the raising a certain number of Forces for the Defence of the Empire, but we doubt not but they will very suddainly. We understand that Commissioners are to meet on the part of the Emperor and the French King; what success their Conferences will have, time must show, tho according to the appearance of things, we cannot be very forward to promise our selves it will be such as we wish. The Levies that are making in the Empire for the Emperors Service, advance very well.

Berlin, Feb. 22. The 19th Instant arrived at *Postdam* the Elector and Electoress of *Saxony*; our Elector and Electoress went out a League to meet them, and received them with great Ceremony. This day they came hither to see this place, being attended with two Troops of Horse-Guards, and two Companies of Dragoons, and a great number of Coaches and Gentlemen on Horseback; they were saluted at their entring into the Town, as they were at their parting, with a discharge of the Great Guns, and the Burghers were in Arms. It is believed that this Enterview will produce an Alliance between the two Electors. Prince *Louis* and his Princess have left *Coringsberg*, and are on their way hither.

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